

P.G. School Board Hears Citizens’, Officials’ Views on SHL School

Collective Bargaining, Clean Cars Lead Council Agenda

by Mary Moien

On January 17, more than 100 persons attended a public hearing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School related to redevelopment of Springhill Lake (SHL) and specifically the location/relocation of the current Springhill Lake Elementary School. The hearing was called in response to the contents of a letter that the Prince George’s County Board of Education sent to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In that letter, the Board of Education stated its intent to “transfer interest in the existing School Board property to AIMCO,” the developer. The letter grew out of a January 9 meeting between the Board of Education and Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), a meeting where no other participants were allowed to testify. AIMCO sought this statement from the Board of Edu-

cation to further an approval of a conceptual site plan for the SHL redevelopment. Other interested parties were concerned that they had not been able to participate in that meeting and that their concerns were not being heard. This meeting was then set up to hear from the public. In an opening statement, the board stated that the letter they provided on AIMCO’s behalf indicated that no final decision had been made and that the agreement in the letter was not binding. The statement also indicated that more input was being sought and that a review of all schools in the county might be appropriate. Five elected officials were called upon first – County Councilmember Tom Dernoga, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Berwyn Heights Mayor Sheye Calvo, Berwyn Heights Councilmember Patricia Dennison and an unex-

pected participant, State Senator Paul Pinsky. Dernoga stated that he heard the board state that a proposed Greenbelt area taskforce should be expanded to look at schools county wide. He opposes expanding the taskforce at the present time. Developers, AIMCO and others, should be required to participate in a planned taskforce to look at school needs in Greenbelt West. Dernoga commented that there are not many spaces inside the Beltway where a school can be placed. Calvo stated that “land is the issue.” If the board releases the SHL Elementary School property, the board must buy additional property for new schools. He indicated that the letter that the board provided to AIMCO allows the schools issues to be negotiated at the detailed site plan level and not at this first stage. Due to this shift, Calvo stated that he is going to propose that the Berwyn Heights Council take a stand against the entire AIMCO project. Davis stated that there appears to be confusion about Greenbelt’s position on the school situation. She pointed to a December 21 letter to the county planning board which states that AIMCO had “agreed to accept a City condition of approval that will resolve the school site and capacity prior to the approval of the DSP (detailed site plan).” Davis read from a prepared letter, “The City believes the most appropriate position to take at this time is to approve the proposed 5,800 dwelling units conditioned upon the resolution of the Greenbelt West school adequacy issue to the satisfaction of both the Board of Education and the City.” Dennison commented that in the past AIMCO had mentioned building a new school on the school bus lot on Greenbelt Road adjacent to Greenbelt Middle School but that they have not mentioned that lately. (At a recent meeting Superintendent of Schools John Deasy commented that he was not in favor of grouping schools together on the plot of land.) She told the board that they had acted prematurely in signing the letter. Pinsky stated that “corporate neighbors must pay their fair share.” He further stated that builders must be held accountable for infrastructure. He chided the board for undervaluing the worth of the current property (reported as \$20 million) and stated that the state may not want to provide funding if it feels the county is “giving away” its school properties. The county must “stay tough on this.”

See SCHOOL, page 6

by Carol Griffith

The regular Greenbelt City Council meeting of January 22 began with a moment of silence to honor two individuals – Corporal Luis Gonzalez of the Greenbelt Police Department and Janet S. Brown – before proceeding with the agenda. All members of council were present. Mayor Judith Davis recognized that this is “a sad time” for the police department in light of the recent death of Cpl. Gonzalez. Several police officers were present at the meeting in regard to council action concerning an amendment to Chapter 13 of the Greenbelt City Code in adding a new section (Article VIII), entitled “Labor Code.” The Labor Code has resulted from the referendum question on the November 2005 ballot, which permitted certain police officers to organize and bargain collectively. The resulting Labor Code is the product of several months of negotiations between the city and

the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32. Although the group of police officers present were invited to come forward, there was no discussion and the ordinance was adopted. City Manager Michael McLaughlin stated that the city and the FOP are “trading dates for negotiations” for the first contract, which will commence on July 1. **Transportation Grant** Later in the meeting Councilmember Konrad Herling announced that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government’s Transportation Planning Board is offering five pilot technical assistance grants. He proposed that the city apply for one of these in order to support a charette on transportation issues. Herling and McLaughlin had presented council with a draft proposal in which the grant money would be used to evaluate

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Johnson Urged the School Board to Send Its Letter

by James Giese

Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson urged the Prince George’s Board of Education to give “immediate attention” to sending to the Prince George’s County Planning Board a “letter of its intent for Springhill Lake Elementary” in a December 13 letter, shortly after the school board assumed office on December 4. Johnson’s urging apparently spurred the entire school board to meet with Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO) on January 9, two days before the planning board was to consider AIMCO’s Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. The planning board had set as a precondition to its consideration of a preliminary plan that AIMCO provide documentation from the school system of its transfer or intent to transfer interest in the existing school board property to AIMCO. After meeting with AIMCO and in executive session, the school board authorized such a letter of intent to be sent to the planning board. In his letter Johnson noted that some of the school board members were already aware that the planning board was to consider the AIMCO plan and needed such a letter, but did not explain how the members might have become aware of this need. Johnson argued that “approval at this point in the process will in no way jeopardize the prerogative of the Board of Education to reject a new elementary school building funded by AIMCO.” If the board should decide to maintain the school at its current site, AIMCO

will still be required to pay school impact fees for any new units that it might build. Johnson also said that he remained confident that after approval of the preliminary plan, all the parties involved, including the City of Greenbelt, could resolve any outstanding concerns. In the meantime, he said, there were safeguards in place to ensure the redevelopment project will not proceed beyond its existing size without everyone’s collective approval. The letter also notes the county’s need to make significant future investment to insure that school facilities are “first rate and conducive to education.” AIMCO’s contribution of \$20 million for a brand new school will both relieve pressure on the school budget and replace this facility years ahead of schedule. Johnson concludes by expressing the hope that the school board will join him so that county residents can see progress towards the county’s twin goals of economic development and quality education. In a December 23 story by Nelson Hernandez in The Washington Post about the letter Johnson wrote, Hernandez reports that AIMCO lobbyist Michael E. Arrington is the son of Johnson’s former campaign chairman and that he and Andre Gingles, a lawyer for AIMCO, contributed a combined \$10,000 to Johnson’s campaign. Johnson is quoted in the article as saying, “I don’t make a decision based on a lobbyist or a friend or anyone else. That’s insulting.”

Citizen Seeks Pay Raise For City Councilmembers

by Barbara Hopkins

Following a long tradition, at its first meeting of the year on January 8 the Greenbelt City Council reviewed appointments of councilmembers as liaison to city advisory groups and organizations. Council also announced appointments of councilmembers to various policy boards and subcommittees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), to which Greenbelt belongs. Prior to this listing of council’s various duties and activities, a citizen proposed under Petitions and Requests that councilmembers should receive a pay raise. **Pay Raise** Greenbelt resident Germaine Timmermans addressed council regarding the long span of time since councilmembers had received a pay raise. Her research showed that councilmembers had received a raise about every four

years in the past but it has been 14 years since the last increase in their salary. She noted that councilmembers would be spending even more time serving the city in the near future due to pending real estate developments in the western part of the city and she suggested that their pay be increased from \$6,000 to \$20,000 for the mayor and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the rest of council. Councilmembers thanked her for the suggestion and for showing appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the city this way. Mayor Judith Davis told Timmermans that a council could not vote itself a raise but during an election year looked at raising the salaries for the incoming council during budget discussions. For some time, Davis said, budget restraints have caused council

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What Goes On

- Saturday, February 3**
5 p.m., Indoor Pool Closed for High School Swim Meet. Fitness Wing to Remain Open to 10 p.m.
- Sunday, February 4**
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
- Tuesday, February 6**
7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
- Wednesday, February 7**
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession Re: Restructuring of Youth Advisory Committee, Community Center
- Thursday, February 8**
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room.
- Saturday, February 10**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Adoption/Donation Day at Animal Shelter, Parking Lot of Greenbelt Police Station, 550 A Ridge Road

Editorial

The Board of Education and the Letter

The newly elected nonpartisan Prince George's County Board of Education got off to a bad start when it jumped to the tune of the county executive and a developer on January 9 by hastily agreeing to issue a letter of intent to transfer the Springhill Lake Elementary School to the developer, AIMCO. This action was taken although no understanding has been reached as to compensation and concerns raised by the school board staff and without hearing from concerned citizens. Those who approved issuance of the letter appeared to have forgotten their campaign promises to put the children and education first and to listen to the citizens of the county. Holding a public hearing after reaching a decision is not the way to listen to citizens.

While we recognize AIMCO's interest in proceeding with their proposal to tear down the existing Springhill Lake Apartment project and replace it with a new development of almost twice as many dwelling units, we do not believe the school board should jump through AIMCO's hoop. To us, the newly formed board has many issues to deal with right now of great importance to the future of education and the future of the county. Clearly the school transfer proposal is not of top priority for the school system nor has it been adequately considered by the board and staff. Nor have the terms of transfer been negotiated. It was premature for the board to take such an action.

Although the letter contained the magic words sought by the developer, “the BOE is expressing its intent to transfer interest in the existing school board property (Parcel 20) to the applicant, AIMCO,” to the school board’s credit the letter also is full of caveats making it clear that the board is not yet prepared to agree to such a transfer. The letter states that several issues need to be addressed and that these must be fully analyzed and resolved. The letter also states that the board “reserves its right to withdraw its intent” and that the letter does not “constitute a binding agreement.” We don’t know how the Prince George’s County Planning Board or the political powers supporting the AIMCO proposal will treat this letter but to us it seems a letter of questionable value.

We also note that this is a newly elected Board of Education with none of its members having previously served or bringing to it institutional memory. We expect that it will take a while for its membership to come together and work successfully to better the interests of educating the county's children. Certainly those elected bring to the board good credentials and experience. We hope that the end result of this troubling and conflicted affair will become a positive learning experience for the members of the board.

Letters to the Editor

Consensus By Invitation Only?

I am responding to the January 18 article "Mayor and Roberts Spar Over Meeting Comments" where "Davis had noted that at a charrette held on the redevelopment of Springhill Lake there had been a consensus that the elementary school should be moved."

The charette that Mayor Davis refers to was by invitation only. The charette was sponsored by AIMCO, the developer seeking to demolish the school. This meeting was a highly scripted event, not intended to entertain dissent.

In contrast to the charette, the January 9, 2006, Greenbelt City Council meeting, open to the public, showed strong community support for keeping the elementary school in the center of the development.

I am disappointed that Mayor Davis stands by the charette “consensus” when she warned AIMCO about excluding Greenbelt residents: “. . . the residents have many questions, and problems could be unnecessarily created if they are not included at an appropriate point in the process.” (Nov. 19, 2003, worksession minutes online)

Joan Falcão

... and Liberty for All

I am responding to the letter writer who is troubled by “overrepresentation of homeless and mentally disturbed individuals” and proposes they be “disallowed” from Roosevelt Center and placed in a “recovery center” in the old post office. He raises issues that are important for our community to address.

Cynthia Newcomer

Thanks, Greenbelt!

We placed a small ad in last week's paper for a benefit dance for my son Will, which was held last Friday evening. Apparently, many of you saw it or heard about it or read the accompanying article by the staff (thank you for that extra push News Review) and showed up to help our cause. We collected a little more than \$3,800 in cash and checks (some for a lot more than the price of admission!). In addition, Tommy Bryant, Trish Newbern, Daryl Miller, Tom Eloshway and Jackie Eloshway sold food and donated proceeds and their tips from working the bar, which they also worked for free, for an additional \$380. Add to that \$255 from the raffle and more checks we received in the mail and at our church and the total for this week was \$5,400. If you couldn't come, we appreciate your thoughts and encouragement as well.

As my son said at the dance, "Thank You" cannot begin to express the profound and lasting gratitude that I feel toward all of you. Special thanks to the Legion membership and Kathy Linkenhoker for allowing us the use of the hall and to Tommy and all of the crew who helped the night of the dance. I am also grateful to Paula Clinedinst and my daughters and sons-in-law and my wife Barbara for handling the cash, door prizes and the raffle. Very special thanks to John "Rock" McBride, Donald Nickolson, Richard "Floyd" Patterson of the Good Guys and Richard "Dickie" Tipton (all Greenbelt boys) and Ray New for donating their immense talent and performing for free with me. Thanks also to Donald's son David and his friend Jessie for their own musical contribution.

Greenbelt continues to be a special place. I tell people all the time that I was fortunate to have lived my childhood in such a wonderful storybook village, which is what Greenbelt was in those days. When I see those little dishes by the cash register of some merchants for “give-a-penny, take-a-penny,” I always think of Greenbelt. Give a little if you have some to spare and take a little if you need it. That’s pretty much how I grew up. This time I took . . . a lot. I will continue to give whenever and wherever I can for all of you. After all, it’s the Greenbelt way you know, Greenbelt is Great!

Rick Ransom

Plans to Celebrate King Holiday Here

Should Greenbelt have its own celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? Something inspiring? Some service projects? Activities to bring all parts of our community together? You are invited to share your thoughts with others next Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. We will be in the multi-purpose room (#201) in the Greenbelt Community Center.

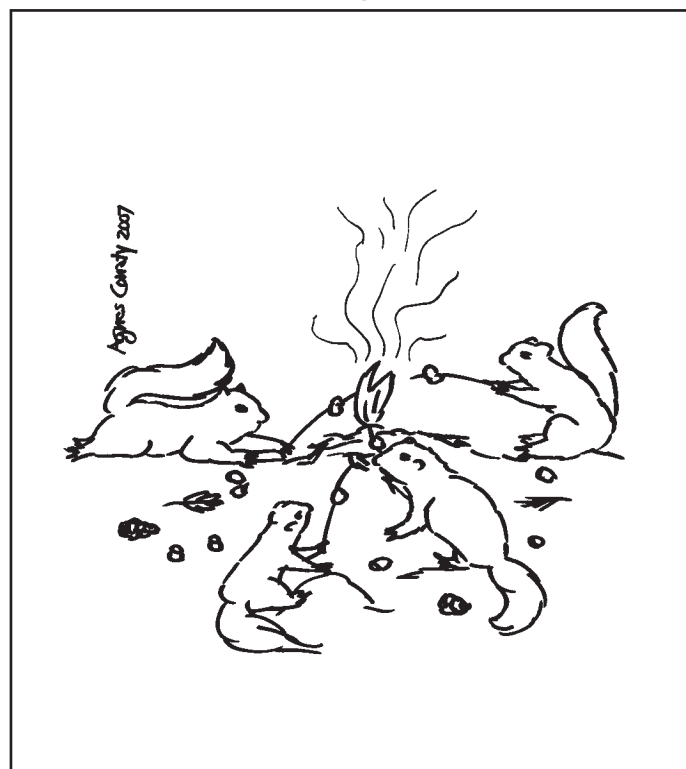
Hope to see you there.

David Lange

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA
MEETING OF GHI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 8, 2007
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM**

Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Recommendation for Encroachment Resolution
- Proposed Fence, 65J Ridge Road
- Unpermitted Privacy Screen, 55F Ridge Road
- Loan Payoff, 43F Ridge Road

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

“Little Shop of Horrors” At ERHS February 8-10

by Miki Haber

The musical “Little Shop of Horrors” is an adaptation of the 1960 movie of the same title, originally written by Roger Corman. Writer Howard Ashman and composer Alan Menken changed the drama into a musical in 1982. The play is centered around a run-down flower shop on Skid Row, where everyone is poor and depressed. The main character, Seymour Krelborn, who works at the flower shop, discovers a new, strange breed of fly-trap and names it after his secret love, his fellow worker, Audrey. This plant, “Audrey Two,” is very sickly until Seymour discovers what it needs to survive and grow – blood.

After growing big and strong, the Audrey Two begins to speak and to threaten Seymour. Audrey Two convinces Seymour that the only way he will get Audrey to fall in love with him is to continue to feed the plant. Eventually things get out of hand and Seymour is left with a dilemma that causes him to lose what he loves most.

Greenbelters Cody Sanders (Audrey Two puppet master), Dina Goldberg-Strassler (Mrs. Luce), Joel Mason-Gaines (assistant technical director) and Michaela Haber (co-assistant director) are all part of the show. Some familiar faces to the Roosevelt stage are Joel Sparks, who plays Seymour and Emma Krupnick, who plays one of the Ronnettes – the six girls who act as pseudo-narrators of the story. Emily Moore (Audrey), Samantha Needle (Crystal), Emily Gherels (Marvellette), Charlie Irving (Shirrelle), Chris Roy (Skip Snip), Rodney Davis (Mr. Bernstein) and David Casto (Martin) have also all acted on the Roosevelt stage previously.

Drama teacher Sara Nelson is directing the show, musical direction is by social studies teacher Kenneth Bernstein and choreography is by Samantha Fitschen. The orchestra pit director is Dr. L. Richmond Sparks. The show opens on Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) auditorium and runs through Saturday, February 10. There is a fee. The play is not recommended for young children.

Arts Advisory Board Meets on February 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

At the Library Storytimes

Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Dance at Belvedere On Valentine’s Day

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has announced there are still openings for anyone (all ages welcome) wishing to join the Globetrotting trip on Valentine’s Day – Dancing at The Belvedere in Baltimore. Those who enjoy ballroom dancing are sure to enjoy this trip. Beginners and singles are welcome.

There is a fee for this February 14 trip, which includes buffet dinner, two beginner dance lessons for those wanting instruction and live big band dance music featuring Helmut Licht.

Those interested in participating must register at the Greenbelt Community Center by Friday, February 9.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Artists’ Studio Space At Community Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites local visual artists to apply for studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Applications are now available for residencies beginning in March or July of 2007. Artists wishing to begin their residency in March must apply by Friday, February 9 or by April 27 for residencies beginning in July.

The Recreation Department’s artist-in-residence program is open to visual artists (including film and digital artists) as well as fine craftspersons.

The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road.

For more information, an application or an appointment to tour the studios contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, at 240-542-2057 or ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Financial Aid Night At ERHS on Tuesday

Prince George’s County Public Schools and Prince George’s County Community College are sponsoring a regional Financial Aid Night at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, February 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Students and parents can learn about securing financial aid for college. Financial aid professionals from the Community College will walk participants through the steps of applying for federal and state financial aid.

Explore Development Of the American Flag

On Friday, February 9 at 1 p.m. Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Ronald Bowers, the immediate past president of the Maryland Federation of Chapters of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). Bowers retired after 30 years of federal service, mostly with the Social Security Administration Headquarters in Woodlawn, Md. He lives in Timonium.

Bowers began collecting his array of miniature flags after reading a completely erroneous dissenting opinion in one of the cases involving flag burning. The result is a display of flags that shows the development of the American flag before and during the Revolutionary War and the 27 changes in the flag since its formal adoption. The display includes an explanatory card for each flag. The lecture, which Bowers has given many times to various groups, will use the display of the actual flags to cover some of the myths and facts in the development of the flag and of the nation.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Postal Unit Open



Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Still Creek Friends Meeting Changed

The Friends of Still Creek meeting originally scheduled for the second week of February will instead be held on Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. The Friends of Still Creek invites everyone to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek watershed in this opportunity to learn how to help protect and restore Still Creek and the Anacostia River.

The meeting will be held at the Ranger Station classroom at Greenbelt Park, 6565 Greenbelt Road (between Kenilworth Avenue and the B-W Parkway.) Call Kate Levendosky at 202-962-3374 or email klevendosky@mwco.org to RSVP. The Greenbelt Park website address is www.nps.gov/gree.

Anger Management Help from CARES

Greenbelt CARES offers an eight-week course in anger management on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning February 26. Adults 18 and up are eligible for this class. Certificates of completion will be issued at the end, upon request, to those who attend all sessions. There is a fee.

Pre-registration is required by calling 301-345-6660.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 8 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal) from 7 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Very Successful Benefit Dance

Will Ransom, former Greenbelter, was humbled and surprised at the fabulous turnout to the benefit dance held in his honor Friday night at the American Legion. With more than 150 people in attendance, more than \$5,000 was raised to help with the cost of the kidney and pancreas transplants Will needs.

Greenbelt’s own “Good Guys” provided the music. Singer and keyboard player Rick Ransom is Will’s father. Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing were also part of the fundraiser.

Not only was Will and his extended family impressed with the turnout but also the guests and volunteers were moved by the generous spirit of the attendees. Many guests contributed money in addition to the \$10 that was requested at the door. In addition, the bartenders donated their tips to the transplant fund.

For more details and to support Will, go to www.willransom-transplantfund.com.

SHRIMP FEAST

February 9, 2007, 6 to 9 p.m.
The American Legion, Greenbelt Post #136
6900 Greenbelt Rd., 301-345-0136
Shrimp, Roast Beef,
Baked Beans, Draft Beer and Soda
\$20.00 advance sale, \$22.00 at the door,
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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB. 2

Notes on a Scandal (R)

Friday

*5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday

*1:15, *3:20, *5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday

*1:15, *3:20, *5:25, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5:25, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Synagogue Program On Minimum Wage

On Sunday, February 11 at 11 a.m. Mishkan Torah will hold a forum on the issues currently surrounding the minimum wage debate. Participants at the free forum will learn what the Torah says about fair wages. Speakers will be Lawrence Mishel, Ph.D. and president of the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Feinstein, Ph.D. and senior fellow at the University of Maryland; and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of Mishkan Torah. All will discuss the issues and answer questions.

The forum is sponsored by the Mishkan Torah Social Action Committee. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road. For further information call 301-474-4223.

Community Church Hosts P&J Film

Next in the progressive film series of the Prince George's County Peace & Justice (P&J) Coalition is a film about new hope to resolve an old conflict. See "Searching for Peace in the Middle East" on Sunday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church.

The featured speaker will be Ambassador (Ret.) Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., president of the Foundation for Middle East Peace which sponsors the film. Wilcox served as U.S. Consul General to Jerusalem.

The website describes the film as "... a vivid, compassionate portrayal of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through the voices of Israeli and Palestinian citizens of diverse backgrounds, it reveals their hopes and fears and explores the issues that divide them It describes in a compelling way a broad common ground of yearning for peace, pointing the way toward a resolution of this tragic conflict that would meet the deepest needs of both societies."

Audience discussion will follow the 30-minute runtime. It will be taped for later cablecasting on local stations.

For more about the Foundation for Middle East Peace see www.fmep.org and about the Peace & Justice Coalition, www.justpeacepgmd.org.

For further information on the activities of the Peace & Justice Coalition contact Lucy Duff by email at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or by telephone at 301-577-2350.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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Genealogical Society To Meet Tuesday

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library meeting room, lower level.

After a brief business meeting, Scott Lawrence will present "Grave Concerns – Historic Preservation of Cemeteries."

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. The society is now meeting on the first Tuesday of the month through June 2007.

For additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or email pgcgs@juno.com.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park – serving Beltsville, Adelphi, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park – needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also needed are drivers and visitors Monday through Friday.


Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers can work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever they can.

Call Monday through Friday 301-474-1002 to help and for more information.

Meals on Wheels Will Add New Customers

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

For a limited time only the price is reduced to \$20 a week. This includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments) a sandwich, salad and fruit, milk, juice and a hot meal.



Congratulations to the principals, teachers and students of the 34 schools recently recognized by the Maryland School Performance Recognition program. Among them are Robert Goddard French Immersion Middle School and Robert Goddard Montessori School principal Sherra Chappelle and former Greenbelt Elementary School vice-principal Paulette Watkins, who is now the principal at Kingsford Elementary School.

Congratulations to Jack Li, Roosevelt's first Intel Science Talent semi-finalist in 14 years.




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Sunday 8 am	Worship Service
9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service



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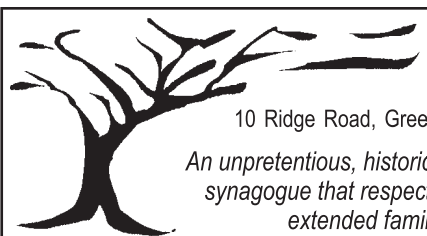
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Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
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February 4 Sermon: This Do Remembering Him

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On Thursday, February 8 at Wells Ice Rink “Ladies Night” offers free admission to women over 17 years old from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, February 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. is “Cheap Skate Date Night,” offering everyone reduced cost for admission and skate rental. On Sunday, February 11 Girl or Boy Scouts in uniform are eligible for a reduced fee, including skate rental from 1 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 301-277-3717.

Nursery School Needs Recollections

Greenbelt Nursery School would like to collect stories and recollections of past students or parents to compile a brief history. Anyone who would like to be interviewed or has a story to share is asked to contact Karen Yoho at klyoho@mac.com or call 240-297-9262.

“Little Shop of Horrors”
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Week of February 2 FRI. – SAT.

Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)
12:50, 3:45, 6:45, 10:20
Night at the Museum, PG
12:15, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Messengers, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
Smokin Aces, R (!)
12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
Arthur and the Invisibles, PG
12:30, 2:40, 5:20
Freedom Writers, PG-13
7:40, 10
Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 10:20

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Night at the Museum, PG
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Messengers, PG-13 (!)
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Arthur and the Invisibles, PG
12:30, 2:40, 5:20
Freedom Writers, PG-13
7:40
Dreamgirls, PG-13, (!)
12:45, 3:45, 6:45

MON. – THURS.

Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)
2:30, 5:20, 7:40
Night at the Museum, PG
2:45, 5:10, 7:40
Messengers, PG-13 (!)
2:45, 5:20, 7:30
Smokin Aces, R (!)
2:45, 5:20, 7:40
Arthur and the Invisibles, PG
2:30, 5:10
Freedom Writers, PG-13
7:50
Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)
2:30, 5:10, 7:50



City Information

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

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AS YOU LIKE IT

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Chris Fominaya Samantha Fitschen Jesse Folks
Musical Direction Choreography Asst. Director
Directed by: Christopher Cherry
February 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 at 7:00 pm
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EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



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(Please limit design to 4 colors)
Submit your original design depicting: GREENBELT
CELEBRATES EARTH DAY by Wednesday, March 7th.
Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt,
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or bring it in to
this address and place in drop box.

Open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young.
Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment
Advisory Committee (REAC). T-Shirts will be distributed during the
Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21st.
The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate to REI.
For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, February 4, 1:00-5:00pm
Enjoy this monthly, free mini arts festival!
Artist in Residence Open House, Greenbelt Museum
Tours, All Ages, FREE
Greenbelt Community Center

1-3pm: Decorate part of a community MURAL with Artist in Residence Mary Gawlik. Theme: “There are all kinds of hearts in the world.” Make a second tile to take home for a VALENTINE.
2-4pm: CLAY BUFFET exhibit. Introducing the ceramic artists behind the “Empty Bowls” charitable fundraising event. Sponsored in part by Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.

NEW!! KIDS’ AS YOU LIKE IT DISCUSSION

GROUP ADDED Course No. 144231-1
Kids ages 10 and up are invited to register for a discussion group that will meet before and after the Sunday, February 18 matinee performance of “As You Like It.” Melissa Sites will lead a discussion about the play and how director/composer Chris Cherry adapted it for this year’s youth musical. Register now at the Community Center and pick up a softbound edition of the complete play as well as a copy of the script that will be performed at the Arts Center. The pre-show session begins at 1:00pm. After the show, group members will return to the Community Center for a 60-minute session of refreshments and discussion. The fee is only \$5. Tickets to the performance (also only \$5) are on sale now at the Community Center.

Meetings for February 5-9

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00pm, Arts Advisory Board, Community Center. Info: 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, February 7, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session re: Restructuring of Youth Advisory Committee, Community Center

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closing early the following days:

Saturday, February 3rd at 5 p.m. Indoor pool closed for a High School Swim Meet – Fitness Wing will remain open until 10 p.m.
Sunday, February 18th at 8 p.m. Regularly Scheduled Staff Training In-Service
Info: 301-397-2204

GREENBELT SKATE PARK

The Greenbelt Skate Park is open to registered members 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to sunset

For registration information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or drop by the Greenbelt Skate Park in front of the Youth Center and check for notices on the bulletin board outside the park.
Info: 301-397-2200

REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR GREENBELT’S MANY CAMP PROGRAMS. INFORMATION ON CAMPS AND HOW TO REGISTER IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY, SESSIONS FILL UP QUICKLY. INFO: 301-397-2200

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

ADOPTION/DONATION DAY

Saturday, February 10th
10:00am-2:00pm

Come check out all of the adorable animals that are up for adoption at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter! You can also view them at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Drop off all of those donations that you have been meaning to make!
The shelter is located in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Police Station on Ridge Road at 550A Ridge Road. Call 301-474-6124 for more information.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, February 6 & 8: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Pneumonia” **6:15pm** “Ask the Expert-Breast Cancer” **6:30pm** PEPCO presents “Energy Know How” **7:00pm** Springhill Lake Elementary presents “A Tribute to Ray Charles” **PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 7 & 9: 7pm** “Heritage Film & Video Festival” **9pm** “Pleasant Touch Renovation”

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ATTENTION RESIDENTS, REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT NOW!

Greenbelt ALERT is a text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. City officials will use it to send out important messages to email accounts, cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices in case of a possible emergency. Visit <http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov> for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

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Many individuals and group members had also signed up to speak. Ann Harris Davidson, chair, Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee, called the board’s decision “disappointing” and asked what could be done at this point. The situation must be rectified as there is no other available land in the area if the SHL parcel is gone. Greenbelter Doug Love approached the microphone with two hats. He thanked the board for listening to the citizens. He showed a hat with Venetian blinds which he said the board was wearing as “corporate blinds.” The board should be wearing a scholar’s cap instead.

David Lange, volunteer coordinator for Greenbelt Elementary School, urged the board to see beyond AIMCO. He pointed out that there are currently two additional developments in Greenbelt West – Greenbelt Station and Greenbelt Crossing. All of these developments will have children who will need to be schooled. The city also wants to ensure sidewalks, trees, parks and other amenities that are the signs of a stable community. He urged the board to help Greenbelt remain a valued community.

Amy Hansen, PTA president at Greenbelt Elementary School, asked the board to have PTA members and principals involved in meetings on the school issues. She commented that no one has been talking to the principals whose students and schools are involved in the redevelopment area. She read from a prepared statement: “We have a new superintendent and a new school board. There is hope that comes from new beginnings but the school board’s appearance of being willing to give away assets is a major step backward. You were elected because you promised to put the kids first. Please live up to that promise.”

Councilmember Rodney Roberts spoke as an individual. First he apologized to the board for interrupting the board meeting with AIMCO. He felt that AIMCO had presented misleading information and that an elected official should have been able to make a point of indicating disagreement at that meeting.

PTA member and former city councilmember Alan Turnbull commented that many developers view a well-placed school as a draw. Children will be “affected for a generation” by the decisions made now. “This is the moment to use some leverage.”

Greenbelter Jeff Morisette commented that the board had waited five days to share the letter to the planning board and wondered why the school board reached its decision “behind closed doors.” He stated that the developer is not the enemy, all parties should be working together. Morisette and several other parents spoke about issues involving Greenbelt Middle School and wondering if that school will ever be replaced. Where will those children go? Will it become overcrowded as more students move into Greenbelt West?

As this meeting was strictly for hearing from the public, there were no comments made by the board before the hearing was concluded.

(Both the letter from the Board of Education to the Prince George’s County Planning Board and the letter from County Executive Jack Johnson to the Board of Education appear on this page.)

December 13, 2006

The Honorable Owen Johnson
Chairman
Prince George’s County Board Of Education
Members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education

Dear Chairman Johnson and Members of the Board:

Congratulations once again on your election and assumption of your responsibilities on December 4. I enjoyed our recent reception wherein we discussed the vision for our school system for the years to come. We have much work to do together, and I am looking forward to your leadership on the many important issues we will confront together.

One issue that requires your immediate attention is the proposed redevelopment of the Springhill Lake Apartments (SHL) in Greenbelt, MD. The developer, Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO) has worked since 2002 with elected officials and the community to design an entirely new planned community inside the Beltway and close to the Greenbelt Metro station. The current plan includes demolition of Springhill Lake Elementary School with AIMCO building an entirely new school on the site of Greenbelt Middle School. In negotiations with the previous Board and Administration, AIMCO agreed to pay \$20 million to build a new school to BOE specifications.

As some of you are already aware, the County Planning Board is scheduled to consider the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for SHL on January 11, 2007. A condition of the conceptual site plan requires that the BOE send a letter of its intent for Springhill Lake Elementary. Given that a new Board has just been elected, I’m sure you have not had time to consider the many ramifications of this plan. However, I am requesting that you send a letter to the Planning Board that allows the plan to move forward while at the same time preserving all BOE options for future deliberations.

In light of the opportunity to leverage significant private financial resources for new school construction, as well as the broader economic development and crime reduction impacts we can reasonably expect from this redevelopment project, it is essential to move the Preliminary Plan forward immediately. Furthermore, AIMCO has already agreed to a City of Greenbelt condition to participate in a Greenbelt West School Plan with the BOE and neighboring developers to determine future school needs. The condition requires review of school impact before AIMCO can build more than its existing number of units.

Support for the Preliminary Plan approval at this point in the process will in no way jeopardize the prerogative of the Board of Education should you at a later time choose to reject a new elementary school building funded by AIMCO. Should you instead choose to maintain the current school at the current site, AIMCO will still be required to pay school impact fees under the established formula for any new units it might still wish to construct.

I remain confident that after approval of the Preliminary Plan, AIMCO, the Prince George’s County Board of Education, the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George’s County Council, as well as my office, can resolve any outstanding concerns prior to approval of the Detailed Site Plan necessary prior to actual construction. In the meantime, we have safeguards in place to ensure that the redevelopment project will not proceed beyond its existing size without our collective approval.

As is obvious to all of us, we need to make even greater infrastructure investments than we have in years past. Although we have accelerated our public school construction and rehabilitation funding in recent years, we still must make significant future investment to ensure that our faculties are first rate and conducive to education. The AIMCO commitment to provide \$20 million for the construction of a brand new elementary school will both relieve some pressure on the overall school budget, and will also ensure the necessary replacement of this facility years ahead of schedule.

For these reasons, I hope you will join with me in supporting this exciting redevelopment project through its next phase of the Preliminary Plan approval, so that our county residents can see progress toward its twin goals of economic development and quality education.

Thank you for your consideration, and best wishes with your new responsibilities and challenges. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Jack Johnson
County Executive

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee of the Prince George’s County Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Executive Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The CIP Committee focuses on issues pertaining to renovation and new school construction. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

Work Session

There will be a Board of Education Work Session held Thursday, February 8 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Executive Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

January 10, 2007

Fern Piret, Director
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
County Administration Building, 4th Floor
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Re: Springhill Lake Preliminary Plan 4-05082

Dear Ms. Piret:

As you are aware, the District council approved a Conceptual Site Plan (“CSP”) SP-05001-C, which involved the redevelopment of the Springhill Lake community. That approval contemplates Parcel 20, the current site of Springhill Lake Elementary, being conveyed to the Applicant and redeveloped as part of the new project’s recreational amenity and infrastructure. A new Springhill Lake Elementary was proposed to be constructed (funded by the Applicant), on property owned by the Prince George’s County Board of Education. Inasmuch as this proposal had not been fully developed or analyzed, the CSP approval contained Condition 7 which expresses:

Prior to the approval of the preliminary plan of subdivision, the applicant shall provide documentation from the Prince George’s County Public Schools of their transfer or intent to transfer interest in the existing School Board property to the applicant.

This past November, the new Board of Education (“BOE”) was elected into office. On January 9, 2007, the BOE’s Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP) received a presentation from Aimco, developer of the Springhill Lake Community and the applicant in the approved CSP and pending Preliminary Plan noted above. All members of the Board attended the Committee meeting. Subsequent to the presentation and discussion, the BOE voted to send this letter, wherein the BOE is expressing its intent to transfer interest in the existing School Board property (Parcel 20) to the applicant, Aimco.

The BOE has several issues which need to be fully addressed, some of which were expressed to Aimco by BOE members and staff subsequent to the Aimco presentation. These issues will need to be fully analyzed and resolved to the satisfaction of the Administration and Board prior to any final decision by the Board on the conveyance of Parcel 20. To that end, the BOE specifically reserves its right to withdraw its intent to convey Parcel 20 at any future date, and it has made Aimco aware of this reservation. Moreover, this letter of intent does not constitute any binding agreement between the Board and Aimco. The Board intends to negotiate with Aimco, receive appropriate input from all interested parties on outstanding issues and receive other information that will allow the BOE to, ultimately, make a decision that is in the best interest of the children, parents and community.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Should you have questions, regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned Board Chair or Board Vice Chair.

Sincerely,
R. Owen Johnson, Jr.,
Board Chair
Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esquire
Vice Chair

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to leave the salaries alone. She added that their rewards are beyond monetary ones and noted that some municipalities do not pay their elected officials any salary at all.

Although Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he thought the mayor’s increased duties did not warrant twice the salary of other councilmembers, Davis assured Timmermans that council would consider her recommendation during the next budget cycle.

City Groups

Davis serves as liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Board. Roberts is assigned to the Arts Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee. Councilmember Edward Putens will serve the Advisory Planning Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Community Relations Advisory Board. Councilmember Leta Mach will serve the Advisory Committee on Education and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Councilmember Konrad Herling will be liaison to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and the Greenbelt Access Television Board. These assignments show

no change from last year.

COG Groups

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is an independent, non-profit association of 21 local area governments and area members of state legislatures and Congress. Its mission is to provide a forum for members to work together to enhance the region’s quality of life. Davis will serve on COG’s Board of Directors with Roberts as alternate. Davis is also on COG’s Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee with Putens as alternate. Davis serves on COG’s ad hoc Green Building Advisory Committee. The Transportation Planning Board will have Roberts as a member with Herling as alternate. Putens is on both the Human Services Policy Committee and the Public Safety Policy Committee. Mach is on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and announced she is vice chair of the Maryland group of this body. Herling is Mach’s alternate for Air Quality and serves on the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee with Mach as alternate for him. Assistant City Manager David Moran will represent Greenbelt on COG’s Aviation Policy Committee.

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		Shurfine Meat Wieners Regular/Jumbo 1 lb.	\$1.00

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Crowley Non Fat Yogurt Assorted 8 oz.	40¢	Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	3/\$5.00	Certified Angus Roast Beef	\$7.99 lb.
				Deli Gourmet Muenster Cheese	\$3.99 lb.
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
January 24, 9:06 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a man reported that he was walking his dog when he was approached by two men who demanded money from him. When he started to walk away from them, a third man sprayed the victim in the face with pepper spray. The suspects then took the victim's cell phone and keys and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 6', 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket; and a black male, 5'6", 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket. The victim declined treatment for eye irritation.

Drug Arrests
January 20, 5:28 p.m., Greenway Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and driving without a license after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the man did not have a driver's license. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia

commonly used to store marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 25, 1:54 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Upon speaking with the driver, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism
January 20, 11:15 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the window of a residence.

January 21, 11:15 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used a brick to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

January 22, 3:01 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used a brick to break out the bedroom window

of a residence.

Burglary
January 22, 7:40 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) may have entered a residence by way of an unlocked sliding glass door. A lap top computer was taken.

Vehicle Crimes
Two vehicles were reported stolen: a gray 2006 Toyota Rav 4 Maryland tags 601M544 from 3 Court Parkway; and a dark green 1997 Acura 4-door, Maryland tags 207BKW from the 9100 block Springhill Court.

One stolen vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police.

Theft from, vandalism to and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Court, 6100 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive, 6100 block Springhill Terrace (three incidents), 6400 block Capitol Drive (two incidents), 6400 block Ivy Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 100 block Westway, 9 Court Research Road and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Burglary at New Deal
by Shirl Hayes
The New Deal Café was entered sometime in the night between 10 p.m. Tuesday, January 30 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, January 31, according to the Greenbelt Police Department. There were no signs of forced entry. Stolen were the proceeds and receipts for four days' worth of business, according to Ellen Siegel, the Café manager. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Camera Club Meets on Feb. 12
The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club will meet on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, Route 301 at Mt. Oak Road in Bowie. The topic for the meeting is "Photographing Difficult Surfaces or in Hostile Environments," led by Steve Bruza.
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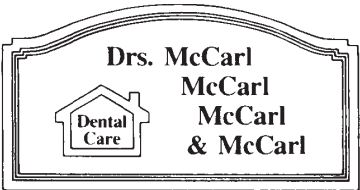


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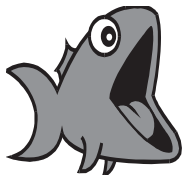


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Bowls were displayed for the taking at last year's "Empty Bowls" charity event. Participants had a hard time making their selections — all of the bowls were beautiful.

Empty Bowls Exhibit Opens At Artful Afternoon on Feb. 4

by Nicole DeWald

The new gallery exhibit at the Community Center opens February 4 and will highlight ceramic artists making a difference in their community. They are spearheading the upcoming "Empty Bowls" charitable fundraiser. There will be an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will run through March 15 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday whenever the room is not reserved.

The unveiling of the new exhibit takes place at the same time as the monthly Artful Afternoon programs. The artists participating in the exhibition are united not only by their love of clay but also by a call to service. Each of them is a contributor to the upcoming "Empty Bowls" project which will raise funds for a local charitable organization.

On Saturday, March 10 Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. and the Greenbelt Community Church will host the third annual Empty Bowls supper benefiting Help By Phone, a nonprofit organization which has helped to provide emergency food and shelter in Prince George's County for nearly 40 years. The event will take place at the church, where members will have prepared a simple repast of soups and bread. Each ticket purchased entitles the diner to choose a ceramic bowl to keep from a wide array of pieces donated by local potters, including those artists featured in the new gallery exhibit.

Most of the artists participating in the exhibition are affiliated

with the artist-in-residence program and Greenbelt Recreation Department arts education programs based at the Community Center, where many of the bowls will be produced. Contributors will include Chris Coyle, Gina Mai Denn, Loraine DiPietro, Mary Gawlik, Mark Gitlis, Pam Hagerhorst, Jeri Holloway, Barbara Logan, Karen Morgenstern, studio manager Diana Guillermo and potter Diane McDaniel who initiated Greenbelt's Empty Bowls project in 2004. The group's work spans a broad range of styles and construction techniques, from hand-built and hand-carved wares to pieces thrown on a potter's wheel.

Artists will be on hand at the Artful Afternoon to provide information and sell tickets for Empty Bowls 2007. In the first two years of this event, sponsors raised over \$8,500 for Help by Phone. The potters have donated over 200 bowls each year in addition to other wares sold at the event. Artists anticipate contributing over 225 hours of studio time alone to the cause this year. Organization President Gina Mai Denn comments, "The members of Greenbelt Pottery are very excited to sponsor this event for a third year. We enjoy using our art to make a positive impact on the community." With the new exhibit at the Community Center, the city recreation department says it is pleased to honor the generous and industrious artists who are helping their neighbors in creative ways.

Two Artists Display Works at New Deal

There will be an artists' reception on Sunday, February 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café for artists David Ralph and Thomas Wick, whose work will be exhibited throughout the café during February.

A Greenbelter for 12 years, Ralph displays his abstract watercolors of the female form as well as more traditional pieces. He describes his most recent series of watercolor paintings as geometric abstractions where shape, color, value and pattern take on more importance than the reality of the subject. In this series, he says he has attempted to abstract and distill the curves, lines and shapes which make up the female figure to their most elemental and geometric levels and in the process capture the essence of the beauty found in the female figure. Currently he is working on a series involving sport themes.

Ralph has exhibited his work several times in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Show, at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel and at Strathmore Hall in Bethesda. A full-time graphic artist for over 17 years, he lives with his two children at Greenbriar Condominiums.

Wick has produced his own creative new style of art in a variety of media that includes acrylic, oil, pastel, chalk and mixed media on canvas. His creative new style shows the influence of Impressionist, Abstract Expressionist and the Hudson River School styles. Wick says his art is an experiment in breaking all the rules in the theme of creativity. His work covers harbor scenes, old boats, landscapes, abstracts and nudes that defy a category, ballerinas, light houses, architecture and many types of drawings.

Wick studied art at the Cleveland Institute and Willoughby Fine Arts Association. His career, 42 years as a consulting design engineer, brought him work at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt. He has contributed to designs of missile launch systems, space telescopes and combat vehicles, producing thousands of designs for General Electric, Ford, Lockheed and others. Wick lives in Bowie and is a member of the Guild of Bowie Artists.

The café exhibits are co-sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and supported by the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

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current transportation services and begin to plan for future needs because of the changes occurring in Greenbelt West. Herling said, "It would be silly not to take advantage" of such a grant, even without the possible addition of 5,000 more residents. Following discussion council agreed that, with the grant, Greenbelt could institute a model transportation program which would cause a ripple effect throughout the region and might result in greater cooperation between municipalities. Herling moved to adopt the grant proposal as application for a pilot technical assistance grant.

Council also discussed the "Clean Car" bill currently being considered by the General Assembly. Supported by such groups as the Sierra Club, this bill would add Maryland to the list of 11 states that have adopted lower emission standards. The topic formed part of the discussion at the town meeting on January 9 of the Greenbelt chapter of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN), which had been attended by Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach.

All members of council indicated support for the bill. Addressing council, Steve Kane described his pleasure with the high turnout at the January 9 meeting. He described the "Cool Cities" program instituted in Seattle and supported by the Sierra Club. Davis asked McLaughlin to contact the Sierra Club for more information about the program.

Skateboard Park

On a wholly different kind of transportation issue, McLaughlin reported that the informal opening of the skateboard park had been successful. He said that a formal opening will be held when weather permits.

McLaughlin also announced a call for the design for a Greenbelt Earth Day T-shirt, with prizes to be awarded for the winning design.

Reporting a request by the town of Kensington in Montgomery County for support in its request to the county for concurrent zoning authority, McLaughlin suggested that council support this request as a courtesy and for possible return of support at a future time. Council concurred.

M-NCPPC Hosts Black History Events

Each year the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) commemorates Black History Month with cultural events and community activities to inspire, entertain and teach everyone about the rich heritage of this community.

The activities and events are many and can enrich people's knowledge. Start by attending the opening ceremonies and reception for Black History Month on Sunday, February 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Montpelier Mansion, 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel. View the 2007 Black History Month Exhibit, "Cross the Tracks: An Historical Review of African Americans and Railroads," hear the announcement of the winners of the Black History Month essay contest and see the unveiling of the 2007 Black History Month poster and more.

To see a list of activities throughout the month visit the Black History Month listing at <http://www.pgpc.com/bh07.html>. For information call 301-454-1450, TTY 301-454-1472 or 301-699-2407, TTY 301-699-2544.

College Prep Meeting For Hispanic Students

The Prince George's County Public Schools is sponsoring a college prep meeting for Hispanic students and their families on Saturday, February 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Maryland Adele H. Stamp Student Union.

The meeting features a keynote address by County Councilman William Campos; bilingual representatives from area colleges, universities and community organizations; a panel discussion with college students; and a tour of the College Park campus.

The meeting is designed for middle and high school students. For details call 301-445-8460.

Chopper Pilot Speaks At Aviation Museum

Ernie Stephens, former chief pilot of the Prince George's County Police Helicopter Section, will lecture on his expertise in helicopter flight on Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m. at College Park Aviation Museum. The lecture is included in the regular admission price. For reservations call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.



Valentine Concert

Prince George's Choral Society

45th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 pm

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